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17	IN re COUNTRYWIDE I		Case No. 11	-ML-02265-M	RP (MANx)
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Pursuant to the Stipulation Regarding Schedule for Motions to Dismiss
Pending Cases (Dkt. No. 138), the Countrywide Defendants respectfully submit this
supplemental memorandum in support of their Amended Motion to Strike and to
Dismiss (the "Motion to Dismiss"), which was filed on August 2, 2011. The Motion
to Dismiss sought that the Complaint ("Compl.") be dismissed or portions of it be
stricken on the grounds (1) that the Complaint parrots allegations and pleadings
from other lawsuits; (2) that the Complaint fails to allege any actionable
misrepresentations with the particularity required by Rule 9(b); (3) that Plaintiffs'
negligent misrepresentation claim fails because no duty existed between plaintiffs
and the Countrywide Defendants; (4) that the Complaint fails to plead cognizable
economic loss; and (5) that Plaintiffs' conclusory aiding and abetting claims fail. In
addition to these grounds, the Countrywide Defendants respectfully submit that the
Complaint should be dismissed for the separate and independent reason that it does
not plead facts sufficient to establish either loss causation or justifiable reliance,
both of which are essential elements of Plaintiffs' claims.

I. PLAINTIFFS FAIL TO ALLEGE FACTS SUFFICIENT TO SHOW LOSS CAUSATION.

In *Dura Pharmaceuticals, Inc. v. Broudo*, 544 U.S. 336, 346-47 (2005), the Supreme Court held that a plaintiff suing under federal securities law must allege facts to establish "loss causation"—that is, a causal link between the alleged misrepresentation and the decline in the price of the security. A mere decline in price is insufficient to establish loss causation, because "that lower price may reflect, not the earlier misrepresentation, but changed economic circumstances, changed investor expectations, new industry-specific or firm-specific facts, conditions, or other events, which taken separately or together account for some or all of that lower price." *Id.* at 343. Likewise, Minnesota courts have specifically held that Minnesota state law claims for fraud and negligent misrepresentation, in the securities context, require that loss causation be both pleaded and proved in the

same manner required for federal securities claims under Dura. See, e.g., Hoyt 1 Properties, Inc. v. Prod. Res. Group, L.L.C., 736 N.W.2d 313, 318 (Minn. 2007) 2 (fraudulent misrepresentation); Hebrink v. Farm Bureau Life Ins. Co., 664 N.W.2d 3 414, 420 (Minn. Ct. App. 2003) (negligent misrepresentation). As the Eighth Circuit has held under Minnesota law, "[1]oss causation . . . corresponds to the 5 common law's requirement of proximate causation." Schaaf v. Residential Funding 6 Corp., 517 F.3d 544, 548, 550 (8th Cir. 2008) (also holding that the loss causation 7 standard "does not differ from that employed in a common law fraud case").² 8 For example, in Schaaf v. Residential Funding Corp., 2006 WL 2506974 (D. 9 Minn. Aug. 29, 2006), aff'd, 517 F.3d 544 (8th Cir. 2008), the plaintiff asserted a 10 common law fraud claim under Minnesota law arising from its purchase of certain 11 debentures, which the court dismissed for failure to plead loss causation adequately. 12 The district court in *Schaaf* explained that the fifth element of such a claim requires 13 proof "that the party suffer[ed] pecuniary damage as a result of [its] reliance" on the 14 misrepresentation, and that Minnesota "[c]ourts often label the fifth element "loss 15 causation" in the context of investments." Id. at *14 (quoting Spiegel v. Besikof, 16 1995 WL 697559, at *3 (Minn. Ct. App. Nov. 28, 1995)). In other words, "the 17 aggrieved party must show not only detrimental reliance on the false representation 18 or omission, but also that the false representation or omission caused the economic 19 harm—loss causation." *Id.* (citing *Zacharias v. Polinsky*, 2003 WL 21694591, at *1 20 (Minn. Ct. App. July 22, 2003)). The district court in *Schaaf* also held that it "d[id] 21 not find persuasive Plaintiffs' argument that *Dura*'s analysis of loss causation 22 23 Minnesota courts have also treated the elements of fraudulent inducement as 24 interchangeable with those of fraudulent misrepresentation. See Countrywide Defendants' Mem. at 10 n.7 (Doc. 77); accord Johnston v. Hjelmen, 2005 WL 25 14941, at *2 (Minn. Ct. App. Jan. 4, 2005). ² See also Lentell v. Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., 396 F.3d 161, 172-73 (2d Cir. 2005) 26 (comparing loss causation to "the tort-law concept of proximate cause"); *Bastian v. Petren Res. Corp.*, 892 F.2d 680, 683, 685 (7th Cir. 1990) (explaining that the loss causation requirement for federal securities claims derives from "the common law's 27

universal requirement that the tort plaintiff prove causation").

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should be less stringently applied when considering Plaintiffs' state law claims." *Id*. 1 And the district court's ruling in *Schaaf* was affirmed on appeal, with the Eighth 2 Circuit agreeing that "to recover for securities fraud at common law . . . , the 3 plaintiff must show . . . that the loss was caused by the materialization of the concealed risk." 517 F.3d at 550 (citation and bracketing omitted). Accord 5 Specialized Tours, Inc. v. Hagen, 392 N.W.2d 520, 537 (Minn. 1986) ("'[I]f false 6 statements are made in connection with the sale of corporate stock, losses due to a 7 subsequent decline in the market or other factors in no way related to the 8 representations will not afford any basis for recovery.") (quoting W. Keeton, et al., 9 Prosser & Keeton on the Law of Torts § 110, at 767 (5th ed. 1984)). 10 Plaintiffs' Complaint fails to allege facts sufficient to establish loss causation 11 for three separate reasons. First, the Complaint fails to plead any pecuniary loss at 12 all, much less one caused by the claimed misstatements. Instead, it pleads only that 13 the securities are "no longer marketable at or near the prices Plaintiffs paid for 14 them." Countrywide Defendants' Mem. at 32-34. Absent cognizable loss, there can 15 be no loss causation. See NECA-IBEW Health & Welfare Fund v. Goldman Sachs 16 & Co., 743 F. Supp. 2d 288, 290-92 (S.D.N.Y. 2010) (dismissing § 11 claims for 17 failure to plead legally cognizable injury where "[t]he complaint does not allege that 18 NECA has failed to receive any monthly distributions due under the Certificates"); 19 Luminent Mortg. Capital Inc. v. Merrill Lynch & Co., 652 F. Supp. 2d 576, 590-92 20 (E.D. Pa. 2009) (dismissing § 10(b) claims for "failure to allege an economic loss" 21 where there was "no dispute that Plaintiffs received the payments due under the 22 Junior Certificates" that they purchased).³ 23 Second, the Complaint does not identify even one "corrective disclosure" that 24 25 A naked assertion of non-marketability, unsupported by any factual allegations of 26 actual "pecuniary loss," Smith v. Brutger Cos., 569 N.W.2d 408 (Minn. 1997), is too 27 conclusory to plead loss causation under Minnesota law and the particularity required by Federal Rule 9(b). See Countrywide Defendants' Mem. at 32-34. 28

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revealed the supposed "truth" about the alleged misstatements and caused the price of the securities to decline. Minnesota courts addressing motions to dismiss 2 Minnesota state law fraud and negligent misrepresentation claims have held that 3 "[u]nder *Dura*, a plaintiff must allege a corrective disclosure followed by a drop in 4 the stock price during the time plaintiffs owned the securities." In re St. Paul 5 Travelers Sec. Litig. II, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 40326, at *6 (D. Minn. Jun. 1, 2007) 6 (citations omitted). The Ninth Circuit likewise has held that, under Dura, "the 7 complaint must allege that the defendant's [security] price fell significantly after the 8 truth became known." Metzler Inv. GMBH v. Corinthian Colleges, Inc., 540 F.3d 9 1049, 1062 (9th Cir. 2008) (citations omitted); accord Centaur Classic Convertible 10 Arbitrage Fund Ltd. v. Countrywide Fin. Corp., --- F. Supp. 2d ---, 2011 WL 11 2504637, *3-4 (C.D. Cal. June 21, 2011) (holding that "Plaintiffs must plead that the 12 value of their investment fell significantly after the truth became known about the 13 Defendants' acts or practices" and finding that the complaint in that case had 14 identified specific alleged corrective disclosures). Because the Complaint here fails 15 to allege *any* corrective disclosures whereby defendants' supposed 16 misrepresentations were revealed to the market, the Complaint fails to allege facts 17 sufficient to establish loss causation.⁴ 18 Finally, the Complaint fails to plead loss causation because, although it 19 vaguely suggests the prices of the securities have declined over the many years since 20 21

Finally, the Complaint fails to plead loss causation because, although it vaguely suggests the prices of the securities have declined over the many years since the securities were purchased (Compl. ¶ 10), the Complaint does not allege any facts showing that those price declines occurred promptly following any supposed disclosures of the alleged misrepresentations. For just this reason, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals in *McAdams v. McCord*, 584 F.3d 1111, 1115 (8th Cir. 2009),

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⁴ To the extent that Plaintiffs rely on allegations or statements from other legal proceedings as purported corrective disclosures or evidence of falsity, those allegations should be stricken for the reasons addressed in the Motion to Dismiss. *See* Countrywide Defendants' Mem. at 6-9.

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sustained the dismissal of plaintiffs' state law fraud claims, noting that plaintiffs had failed to allege the value of the security "right before, or right after" the alleged corrective disclosures.

Here, Plaintiffs' failure to plead facts supporting an inference of loss causation is compounded by the contrary inference this Court may draw—based on judicially-noticeable facts—that the global financial crisis that started in 2007 caused the alleged decline in the value of Plaintiffs' securities. Numerous courts have taken judicial notice that the financial crisis caused the mortgage industry to collapse, housing prices to plummet, and capital markets to freeze. See, e.g., Luminent, 652 F. Supp. 2d at 593-94 (describing the "deterioration in the housing and mortgage industry that began in 2007").⁵ Indeed, this Court recently noted that this was "a very chaotic period of time in the market and in the economy," and "no one can contest what that period of time was like." See Transcript of Hearing at 56:11-57:23, 66:5-18, *In re Countrywide Fin. Corp. Sec. Litig.*, No. 07-cv-05295 (Feb. 25, 2011) (Countrywide Defendants' Request for Judicial Notice in Support of Supplemental Memorandum In Support Of The Countrywide Defendants' Amended Motion To Strike And To Dismiss ("RJN"), at Ex. 1). And Plaintiff Thrivent Financial for Lutherans itself has publicly acknowledged the "historical market events" that took place in September and October 2008, and that "[t]he market turmoil of 2008 and early 2009 have created a significant amount of strain on many companies in the financial services industry." RJN Ex. 2 (Press Release, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Thrivent Financial Highlights Strength and Community Outreach at Report to the Community (June 2, 2009); RJN Ex. 3 (Thrivent Financial 2008 Statutory Annual Statement), at Introduction.⁶

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⁵ Courts routinely take judicial notice of downturns in particularly industries or the economy. *See*, *e.g.*, *Bastian*, 892 F.2d at 685 (decline in oil and gas industry); *In re Northpoint Commc'ns Group*, *Inc. Sec. Litig.*, 184 F. Supp. 2d 991, 1004 (N.D. Cal. 2001) (decline of Internet industry in late 2000). 26 27

See also RJN Ex. 4 (Randy Myers, One Year Later, THRIVENT MAGAZINE (Fall 2009), available at https://www.thrivent.com/magazine/fall09/moneymatters.html)

Given the weakness of the loss causation allegations in the Complaint, these judicially-noticeable facts regarding the global financial crisis undercut any causal connection between the allegations of misstatements in the Complaint and the decline in the value of Plaintiffs' MBS. In *Luminent*, for example, the court dismissed the plaintiffs' claims for failure to plead loss causation, explaining that "the market downturn in the mortgage industry that developed in early- to mid-2007[] is sufficient to undermine the inference of a nexus between Defendants' misrepresentations and the performance of the [plaintiff's securities]." 652 F. Supp. 2d at 593. And the Supreme Court itself in *Dura* likewise noted that the causal link can be broken where, as here, there are "economic circumstances, changed investor expectations, new industry-specific or firm-specific facts, conditions, or other events, which taken separately or together account for some or all of that lower price." Dura, 544 U.S. at 343. The Supreme Court of Minnesota likewise has noted that the causal link can be broken as to Minnesota state law fraud claims where losses are "due to a subsequent decline in the market or other factors in no way related to the representations." Specialized Tours, 392 N.W.2d at 537 (quoting W. Keeton, et al., Prosser & Keeton on the Law of Torts § 110, at 767 (5th ed. 1984)). That link has been broken here.

The deficiency in Plaintiffs' loss causation allegations is underscored by the long period of time between Plaintiffs' alleged purchase of the securities (starting in February 2005) and the date as of which the Plaintiffs complain of price declines (April 2011, the date the complaint was filed). In *Schaaf*, for example, the plaintiff purchased certain debentures in November and December of 1997 and the company filed for bankruptcy in March 2000, just over two years later. Applying Minnesota state law, the court dismissed the plaintiffs' claim for lack of loss causation,

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⁽the financial "markets seized" in 2008; "[o]ne year after the world's financial markets nearly ground to a halt and sent the already troubled global economy into a tailspin . . ."; "it was what had become 'business as usual' over the past decade or so —easy credit, overspending and some would argue, inadequate government regulation of the financial markets—that got us into this mess in the first place").

holding:

In light of the length of time between the alleged misrepresentations and given the lack of factual allegations linking Plaintiffs' loss and Defendants' lender certificate representations and the likelihood of intervening factors which contributed to the loss, the Court finds that Plaintiffs do not state claims upon which relief may be granted.

Schaaf, 2006 WL 2506974 at *15; *accord Dura*, 544 U.S. at 343 ("[T]he longer the time between purchase and sale, the more likely that ... other factors caused the loss.").

Here, as many as six years passed between Plaintiffs' alleged purchase of the securities and the filing of the Complaint, when Plaintiffs allege the securities were not "marketable at the prices paid for them by Plaintiffs." Compl. ¶ 248. Given the turmoil in the financial markets and the illiquidity in the secondary mortgage market on which MBS are sold that occurred during this long six-year period, Plaintiffs' vague pleading fails to allege facts that support an inference of loss causation and fails to overcome the contrary inference arising from the market turmoil that began in the third quarter of 2007. Plaintiffs' claims should be dismissed for this reason, in addition to those identified in its Motion to Dismiss.

II. THE COMPLAINT DOES NOT ALLEGE FACTS SUFFICIENT TO SHOW ACTUAL RELIANCE.

The Complaint must be dismissed also because it does not plead facts sufficient to show that Plaintiffs actually relied on Countrywide's alleged misrepresentations when they allegedly purchased the MBS at issue. Reliance is a "crucial element" of common law fraud and misrepresentation claims under Minnesota law. *City of Maple Grove v. Marketline Constr. Capital, LLC*, 802 N.W.2d 809, 817 (Minn. Ct. App. 2011). "Unlike a claim under Section 10(b), [Minnesota state law] misrepresentation claims cannot be premised on a presumption of reliance under the 'fraud-on-the-market' theory." *In re Digi Int'l*,

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Inc. Sec. Litig., 6 F. Supp. 2d 1089, 1104 (D. Minn. 1998). Instead, Minnesota state law claims "require actual reliance," that is, the plaintiff "must plead and then prove that it actually relied" on the alleged misrepresentations. *Id.*; see also Schaaf, 2006 WL 2506974, at *17 (granting motion to dismiss because "common law fraud require[s] *actual* reliance") (emphasis in original). Because all of Plaintiffs' claims in this case are fraud-based, moreover, reliance must be pled with particularity under Federal Rule 9(b). See Centaur Classic Convertible Arbitrage Fund Ltd. v. Countrywide Fin. Corp., No. 10-CV-05699, slip op., at *15 (C.D. Cal. Jan. 20, 2011) ("Rule 9(b) requires that fraud be pleaded with particularity.") (RJN Ex. 5); Digi, 6 F. Supp. 2d at 1095 ("The pleading standards set forth in Rule 9(b) apply to all fraud and misrepresentation claims, including [plaintiff's] common-law causes of action" for fraud and negligent misrepresentation.); Trooien v. Mansour, 2007 WL 436068, *3 (D. Minn. Feb. 7, 2007) ("The [Rule 9(b)] particularity requirements similarly apply to negligent misrepresentation claims."). The Complaint here fails to do so. More specifically, the Complaint fails to plead facts sufficient to show reliance for two separate and independent reasons. First, federal courts addressing Minnesota state law claims have held that, to plead reliance with the requisite particularity under Rule 9(b), a plaintiff alleging multiple instances of fraudulent conduct must plead specific facts showing its reliance on *each* allegedly fraudulent statement or omission. See ADT Sec. Services, Inc. v. Swenson, 2008 WL 2828867, *4 (D. Minn. 2008) (holding that plaintiffs "must support each distinct reliance claim with specific allegations concerning [their] receipt of [a] misrepresentation" and dismissing counterclaims for do so); see also Lagermeier v. Boston Scientific Corp., 2011 WL 4549175, *6 (D. Minn. Sept. 29, 2011) (observing that "Plaintiff must tie Defendants' specific statements to Plaintiffs' specific actions in reliance thereon"). The Complaint here fails to do so. Plaintiffs allege that they purchased securities at various times from 2005

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    193-201). By contrast, in Centaur Classic Convertible Arbitrage Fund Ltd., --- F.
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    of its failure to do so. Centaur Classic Convertible Arbitrage Fund Ltd., No. 10-
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    CV-05699, slip op., at *15 (RJN Ex. 5). Given that Plaintiffs here too have failed to
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    do so, they have not pled reliance with the requisite particularity.
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          Plaintiffs' allegations are also insufficient to show reliance because they
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    repeatedly assert that Plaintiffs relied on statements or information provided to them
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    "by Countrywide Securities, Residential Funding Securities, or other brokers."
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    Compl. ¶¶ 196-98. To the extent that Plaintiffs relied on information provided by
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    Residential Funding Securities (a subsidiary of General Motors Corporation, see
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    Compl. ¶ 33), or by unspecified "other brokers," they did not rely on representations
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    source. As such, the Complaint fails to allege, with particularity, the supposed
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    misrepresentations by Countrywide on which each of the Plaintiffs allegedly relied
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    when they allegedly purchased the securities in question. See, e.g., Lagermeier v.
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    Boston Scientific Corp., 2011 WL 2912642 at *5 (D. Minn. July 19, 2011), amended
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    by 2011 WL 4549175 (D. Minn. Sept. 29, 2011) ("Rule 9(b) 'does not allow a
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    complaint to merely lump multiple defendants together but require[s] plaintiffs to
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1	each defendant separately of the allegations surrounding his alleged participation in		
2	the fraud.""); Block v. Toyota Motor Corp., 2010 WL 5422555, *5 (D. Minn. Dec.		
3	23, 2010) ("Particularity requires that the identity of the person committing fraud be		
4	pled."); Daher v. G.D. Searle & Co. 695 F. Supp. 436, 440 (D. Minn. 1988)		
5	("[W]here plaintiff has brought fraud claims against more than one defendant, each		
6	defendant is entitled to know the particular allegations of fraud it allegedly		
7	committed. Common circumstances do not excuse a plaintiff from identifying		
8	which party allegedly perpetrated which specific acts of fraud."). And, because thi		
9	case is not a putative class action, that reliance must be pled not only as to each		
10	claimed misstatement, but as to each plaintiff individually as well. Centaur Classic		
11	Convertible Arbitrage Fund Ltd., No. 10-CV-05699, slip op., at *15 ("Each Plainting")		
12	must identify its transactions, the misrepresentations it relied upon when engaging		
13	the transactions, and the damages it alleges it suffered as a result.") (RJN Ex. 5).		
14	For these reasons, the Complaint should be dismissed.		
15	CONCLUSION		
16	For the reasons stated herein, as well as the reasons set forth in the		
17	Countrywide Defendants' initial memorandum in support of their Motion to		
18	Dismiss, any allegations in the Complaint parroted from other lawsuits should be		
19	stricken, and the Complaint should be dismissed in its entirety.		
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